

## ERRONEOUS EMENDATIONS TO NAMES PROPOSED BY HEKSTRA (STRIGIDAE: *OTUS*)

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*Abstract.*—Four emendations (Browning 1989) of names of New World owls proposed by Hekstra (1982) are incorrect subsequent spellings. The spelling “*uruguaii*” of the proposed subspecific name of *Otus choliba* (sensu Hekstra) is chosen as correct.

I earlier (Browning 1989) misinterpreted Articles 31c and 32 d (ii) and applied Appendix D, IV, of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1985) to four subspecific names of New World owls proposed by Hekstra (1982). According to Article 32, the four emendations (Browning 1989) are incorrect subsequent spellings and have no nomenclatural standing.

The correct names as proposed by Hekstra (1982) and the incorrect emendations (in parentheses) are:

*Otus atricapillus morelius* (not *moreliensis*)

*Otus atricapillus inambarii* (not *inambariensis*)

*Otus guatemalae peteni* (not *petenensis*)

*Otus choliba urugaii* [sic] (not *uruguaiensis*)

Hekstra (1982) first used *Otus choliba uruguaii* [sic] as a nomen nudum in a list of species (1982:54). He spelled the subspecific name “*urugaii*” in the formal proposal, but again as *uruguaii* in a discussion of the etymology, from the Arroyo Urugua-i. The repeated use of *uruguaii* indicates his intended spelling, and as first revisor (ICZN 1985, Art. 24[b] and [c]) I select *uruguaii* as the correct spelling. König & Straneck (1989:3) listed this

taxon as *uruguaii* and did not refer to other spellings.

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